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SUBJ: POPULAR COMMITTEES

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1. GLOSS OF AMOSEAS CALLED ON CHARGE MAY 23 TO DISCUSS PARTICIPATION AND COMMITTEE SITUATION. PARTICIPATION NEGOTIATIONS EFFECTIVELY SUSPENDED AT INCONCLUSIVE STATE REPORTED IN REFTEL. NEGOTIATORS LEFT LIBYA TO CONFER AGAIN WITH PRINCIPALS. COMMITTEE SITUATION SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR AMOSEAS AND INCREASINGLY FOR OTHER COMPANIES. AMOSEAS COMMITTEE WAS APPROVED BY RCC MAY 10. SINCE APPROVAL, COMMITTEE HAS PRESENTED WHAT SEEMS TO BE STANDARD DEMANDS FOR DISMISSAL TOP LIBYAN EMPLOYEES AND FOR RESULTING TRANSFERS AND PROMOTIONS ACCORDING TO COMMITTEE DICTATES. "FAJIR AL-JADID" OF MAY 23 CARRIES FULL PAGE ARTICLE ON ACTIVITIES OF THE AMOSEAS COMMITTEE. (WE ARE POUCHING FULL TRANSLATION TO DEPARTMENT). HIGHLIGHTS OF ARTICLE ARE COMMITTEE'S DISCOVERY OF "FANTASTIC AND UNBELIEVABLE FACTS" REGARDING THE FIRM'S FOREIGN EMPLOYEES AND THEIR SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES. COMMITTEE LISTED EXAGGERATED
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FIGURES FOR EXPATRIATE ALLOWANCES, POINTS OUT THAT COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TRAVEL ALLOWANCES ARE NOT PAID TO LIBYAN EMPLOYEES, AND PROMISES TO REVIEW THESE PRIVILEGES AND TO RECONSIDER THEM " IN A MANNER WHICH WILL CONFORM WITH THE INTEREST OF THIS COUNTRY AND PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE AND ECONOMY." COMMITTEE ALSO MADE DISCOVERIES OF " IMMORAL MAGAZINES, NAKED PICTURES, BOOKS OF MILITARY AND MARINE PLANNING WHICH HAVE NO RELATION TO THE WORK OF THE FIRM, AND A CARTOON PICTURE OF MOSHE DAYAN IN THE OFFICE OF ONE OF THE AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ." COMMENT: IF COMMITTEE ACTUALLY BEGINS TAMPERING WITH EXPATRIATE COMPENSATION SYSTEM, THIS LIKELY TO HAVE FAR MORE SERIOUS EFFECTS ON COMPANY OPERATIONS THAN HAVE ANY OTHER COMMITTEE ACTIONS TO DATE.

2. ESSO' S COMMITTEE HAS CALLED FOR REPLACEMENT OF THREE EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES OF THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE. ALTHOUGH BOTH OASIS AND MOBIL COMMITTEES ORDERED THE DEPARTURE OF EXPATRIATES, THE ESSO ACTION IS THE FIRST " DISMISSAL" OF EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES BY AN OFFICIALLY APPROVED COMMITTEE.

3. GLOSS OF AMOSEAS HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH JALLUD AND IS SENDING A " POLITE BUT LEGAL" LETTER TO THE PETROLEUM MINISTRY WHICH IS DESIGNED TO PROTECT COMPANY' S LEGAL POSITION RE EMPLOYEE DISMISSALS WHICH, AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, ARE CONTRARY TO LIBYAN LABOR LAW. JOSIF

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